

LUCRETIA H. ASHWORTH.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,
TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT
IN THE CASE OF LUCRETIA H. ASHWORTH AGAINST THE UNITED
STATES.

JANUARY 8, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be
printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 7, 1902.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

HON. DAVID B. HENDERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 3608. L. H. Grimes *v.* The United States.]

This case, being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that L. H. Grimes, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed December 7, 1896.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 3608. Lucretia H. Ashworth (formerly Grimes), sole heir of the estate of L. H. Grimes, deceased, *v.* The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, on the 10th day of April, 1888.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 7th day of December, 1896, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 28th day of October, 1901. Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by James A. Tanner, esq., his assistant and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in her petition makes the following allegations:

That she is a citizen of the United States, residing in Wayne County, State of Tennessee, where decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion; that at different times during said period the United States forces, by proper authority, took from said decedent quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of \$600 and appropriated the same to the use of the United States Army.

Taken from decedent's premises near Clifton, Wayne County, Tenn., in January and February, 1865, by Gen. A. J. Smith's command, Sixteenth Army Corps, at Clifton:

6,000 pounds pork, at 10 cents..... \$600

The court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDING OF FACT.

There was taken from the claimant's decedent, in Wayne County, State of Tennessee, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, property of the kind and character above described, which at the time and place of taking was reasonably worth the sum of four hundred and eighteen dollars (\$418).

No payment appears to have been made therefor.

BY THE COURT.

Filed December 2, 1901.

A true copy.

Test this 4th day of January, A. D. 1902.

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JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

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